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SUBJ: GOE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE SHOUKRY'S
REPLY TO SECRETARY BERGLAND'S LETTER'

REF: STATE 117059

1. HAVE TODAY RECEIVED LETTER FROM EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE IBRAHIM SHOUKRY ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BERGLAND IN RESPONSE TO THE LATTER'S EARLIER LETTER TO SHOUKRY ON THE SUBJECT OF THE UPCOMING SESSION OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (REFTEL). LETTER IS DATED MAY 31, 1977.
TEXT OF LETTER IS GIVEN BELOW:

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. SECRETARY,

IT GIVES ME PLEASURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER WHICH CARRIED TO IMPRESSIONS YOU DERIVED FROM THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE PREPARATORY MEETING OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL HELD FROM 9-14 MARCH IN ROME.

WE SHARE YOU TO A GREAT MEASURE THE CONCERN OVER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE PREPARATORY MEETING AND ITS INABILITY TO REACH DEFINITIVE CONCLUSIONS ON MANY UNCLASSIFIED

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ISSUES.

HOWEVER, WE FEEL THAT THEIS IS THE RESULT OF A TREND WHICH SNOWBALLED DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS. WE ARE THEREFORE FULLY CONVINCED THAT UNLESS DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BECOME UNITED IN PURPOSE AND ACTION, THE WHOL CONCEPTION BEHIND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL WILL BE DEFEATED.

TO OUR MIND, THE COUNCIL SHOULD TURN TO BE A FORUM FOR COLLABORATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION, AND THAT IT SHOULD CONCENTRATE ITS DELIBERATIONS ON SELECTED FOOD PROBLEMS. THIS MAKES ME SHARE YOU THE VIEW THAT THE CENTRAL THEME OF THE NEXT SESSION SHOULD BE THE "ELIMINATION OF HUNGER & MALNUTRITION".

TURNING TO THE AGENDA OF THE SESSION, IT GIVES ME PLEASURE TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT TO THE AGENDA AS PROPOSED IN YOUR LETTER.

I LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING YOUR ACQUAINTANCE DURING THE FORTHCOMING SESSION, AND DO HOPE THAT OUR EFFORTS THERE WILL BE CROWNED WITH SUCCESS.

YOURS SINCERELY,

(SIGNED)

IBRAHIM SHOUKRY

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

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